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A Farewell to the Corps ...

By Gen. Charles C. Krulak

Commandant of the Marine Corps

From my earliest days, I was always awed by the character of the Marine Corps, by the passion and love that inspired the sacrifices of Marines like my father and his friends.

As a young boy, I admired the warriors and thinkers who joined our family for a meal or a visit ... Marines like "Howlin' Mad" Smith, Lemuel C. Shepherd, Gerald C. Thomas and Keith B. McCutcheon.

I wondered about the source of their pride, their selflessness, and their sense of purpose.

Now, at the twilight of my career, I understand those Marines. I know that they were driven by love for the institution to

which they had dedicated their lives and by the awesome responsibility they felt to the Marines who shared their devotion and sacrifice.

Today, that same motivation burns deep within the heart of each of us.

The ethos of our Corps, purchased so dearly by these heroes of old, reaches into our souls and challenges us to strive tirelessly for excellence in all that we do. It profoundly influences the actions of every Marine that has ever stood on the yellow footprints at our Recruit Depots or taken the oath as an Officer of Marines.

The ethos of our Corps is that of the warrior. It is defined by two simple qualities ... our two Touchstones. The first is our Touchstone of Valor.

When we are summoned to battle, we don our helmets and flak jackets; we march to the sound of the guns; we fight and we win - guaranteed.

The second is our Touchstone of Values. We hold ourselves and our institution to the highest standards ... to our core values of Honor,

Courage and Commitment.

These two Touchstones are inextricably and

forever linked. They form the bedrock of our success and, indeed, of our very existence.

Our Touchstone of Valor is the honor roll of our Corps' history. Bladensburg, Bull Run, Cuzco Well, Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Inchon, the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, Kuwait ... the blood and sacrifice of Marines in these battles, and countless others, have been commemorated in gilded script and etched forever on the black granite base of the Marine Corps War Memorial.

The names of these places now serve as constant reminders of our sacred responsibility to our Nation and to those whose sacrifices have earned the Marine Corps a place among the most honored of military organizations.

The memory of the Marines who fought in these battles lives in us and in the core values of our precious Corps.

To Marines, Honor, Courage, and Commitment are not simply words or a bumper sticker slogan. They reflect our deepest convictions and dramatically shape everything that we do. They are central to our efforts to "Make Marines," men and women of character who can be entrusted to safeguard our Nation and its ideals in the most demanding of environments. We imbue Marines with our core values from their first moments in our Corps because we know that Marines, not



weapons, win battles.

We also know that success on the battlefield and the support of the citizens whose interests we represent depend on our ability to make moral and ethical decisions under the extreme stress of combat ... or in the conduct of our daily lives.

As an institution, we have had to fight hard to maintain our standards.

To some, they may seem old-fashioned, out-of-step with society, or perhaps even "extremist," but we know that our high standards are the life-

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TSP open season offers investment opportunities for DoD civilians

By Donna Coppi

Employee Relations Specialist

The Thrift Savings Plan open season began May 15 and ends July 31.

During this open season, you may elect to begin contributing to the TSP, change the amount of your TSP contributions, or allocate TSP contributions to your account among the three investment funds.

You may invest all or any portion of your TSP contributions in any of the three TSP investment funds: The Government Securities Investment (G) Fund, the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund, and the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund. This is true whether you are covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) or the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS).

For additional info, call Human Resources Service Center, Southwest at (619) 615-5554 or 1-800-831-0622, ext. 5554.

Thrift Savings Plan Questions and Answers

Who is eligible?

You may make a TSP election this open season if your latest appointment to a position covered by FERS or CSRS was made before Jan. 1 or if your latest appointment to a position covered by FERS or CSRS was made on or after Jan. 1 but before July 1 and you had been eligible to participate in the TSP during a prior open season. To determine whether or not you were appointed to a position covered by FERS or CSRS, review your Notification of Personnel Action, Standard Form 50, block 30.

If you stopped your TSP contributions before Feb. 1 you may resume your contributions this open season. If, however, you stopped your contributions after Jan. 31 you may not elect to begin contributing until the TSP open season beginning Nov. 15.

How does this investment opportunity affect FERS employees?

Your investment election applies to all contributions to your TSP account, i.e., Employee, Agency Automatic (one percent), and Agency Matching Contributions. However, even if you are not making Employee Contributions, you may still make a TSP election to invest all or any portion of your Agency Automatic (one percent) Contributions in any of the three funds. This is true even if you are not able to make an election to contribute this open season because you stopped contributing after Jan. 31.

How do I make an open season election?

To make an open season election, you must submit a completed TSP Election Form, TSP-1, to the Human Resources Service Center, Southwest, Benefits and Performance Branch, Code 516, 525 B Street, Suite 600, San Diego, CA 92101-4418. To be considered timely, the TSP-1 must be received at the HRSC SW or postmarked no later than July 31.

When will my election become effective?

TSP-1 forms received at the HRSC SW or postmarked by July 3 will be effective on July 4. Forms received or postmarked after July 3 and through July 31 will be made effective the first day of the pay period following receipt or postmarked date.

How do I increase or decrease my contributions to the TSP?

These changes may only be made during an open season. If you wish to increase or decrease the amount of money taken from your pay and contributed to your TSP account, you must complete the TSP-1 specifying the entire amount you want withheld from your pay. For example, if you are currently contributing \$40 per pay period and you wish to increase it by \$10 per pay period, you must specify \$50 on the TSP-1. The TSP-1 lets the HRSC SW and your servicing pay-

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We all carry 'skaters'

By Sgt. Brenda Varnadore
Cactus Comet, MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

You are working late again because of a job that has to be completed. If that job had only been finished by the Marine that was assigned to it, you would be able to make it to the dining facility before it closes, pick up your child from daycare on time or run some errands that you need to take care of during civilian business hours. In every unit there is always one Marine who arrives at work and might as well stay home. They are commonly known as "skaters." Skaters are often labeled by their peers in a joking manner. I know I have always referred to them in a jovial sense.

It is different when one Marine is checking out of a unit. To take some time and check out is a natural occurrence and the workload for the day is usually not relying on the outbound Marines. What really upsets me is the Marines who milk the system. They seem to have a medical, dental or Consolidated Personnel Administration Center appointment everyday. Then there are the Marines who must attend every doctor's appointment that their wife goes to. I believe that you should go to the important appointments, such as an ultrasound to determine the sex of the baby,

but I don't bring my husband down to medical with me everytime I have to sneeze. Marines should try not to schedule appointments in mid-morning or mid-afternoon. We all know that you usually end up with half a day off. When this is consistently happening the first people to suffer are the Marines who live in the barracks. The work that the "skaters" were supposed to do usually gets pushed on the Marines who don't have families. This might be a cause of so many young Marines getting married to move out of the barracks. Who knows? I do know that working late every now and then is no big deal, after all we are Marines 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Is it really right for us to be making up for that famous 10 percent every day?

The sad part of it all is that the Marine usually thinks that he or she is the most important part of the unit. Whose fault is it?

I would like to call it a "leadership problem." It seems to be a popular excuse. The fault really belongs to each one of us though. It's very hard for someone to turn to their buddy, and tell them they are lazy, and they need to start pulling their own weight. There are a lot of people we truly enjoy having as friends. But when it comes to being a Marine, I wouldn't want to follow a few

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'For Customer Service, press 6'

By Lt. Michael Michener
Base Chaplain



I called my banking institution the other day to get and update on my account.

The call went right

through - to an answering machine with a litany of messages.

"For checks cleared, press 1. For account balance information, press 2. For deposit information, press 3. For transfers between accounts, press 4. For withdrawals by draft, press 5. If you do not have a touch-tone phone or you would like to speak with a customer service representative, press 6 or stay on the line and the next available representative will as-

"If you want genuine customer service, talk to God."

sist you."

Of course, once you press one of those numbers, another equally long list of options will be played.

After making all the right choices and

pressing all the right buttons, you are likely to be placed on hold and told "the average wait time is currently (another automated voice) four minutes."

It could take as many as four to five levels of options before you actually speak to a real person.

What makes all this worse is when you are

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AFIS website details progress against Y2K Bug

By Paul Stone
American Forces Press Service

"The millennium bug is a vivid and powerful reminder of the ways that we are growing ever more independent as we rise to the challenges of this new era. When our founding fathers urged us to form a more perfect union, I don't think they had this in mind, but they might be quite pleased. The powerful forces of change that have created unimagined abundance also bear within them, as is consistent with human nature, the possibilities of new and unexpected challenges. But if we act properly, we won't look back on this as a headache, sort of the last failed challenge of the 20th century. It will be the first challenge of the 21st century successfully met. That is the American way, and together we can do it."

- President Clinton
July 14, 1998



If you've been wondering how the Y2K computer problem may affect your life and work in the military, but you can't find the answers in the technical jargon dominating most web sites, then your search is over.

The American Forces Information Service unveiled a new web site June 4 called "Confronting Y2K."

"In the wide world of Y2K Web sites, this is the only site aimed directly at educating military service members," said Col. John Kehoe, U.S. Army director of information operations for AFIS. "It's written in plain language, is graphically appealing, and most importantly, it covers the key areas service members are concerned about."

The Year 2000 problem, nicknamed "Y2K" and "millennium bug," refers to a past computer industry practice of writing years with just two digits - 1999 would be "99." Because of this digital shorthand, on Jan. 1, 2000, some computer systems and equipment using microchips might read "00" as "1900." This error could generate even more inaccurate data and even cause systems to shut down.

Kehoe said the website is the result of months of intensive research and compiling detailed information on an array of issues both within and outside the Department of Defense. He said much of the site information will also be valuable to defense civilian employees and military retirees.

"We wanted to make sure that no area was left untouched - that all members of the DoD family know what is being done to protect them from the Y2K bug both on the job and in their homes. We believe this new site fills a gap that's been out there for a long time,"

Kehoe said. "Up till now there has been plenty of information for those who are responding to the technical challenges of Y2K, but not nearly enough for the average military person who needs to know how to prepare for Y2K."

Characterizing "Confronting Y2K" as "informative and entertaining," Kehoe explained that the site is divided into three major categories called "You," "Your Mission" and "The Homefront."

The "You" category includes sections on pay and medical care, as well as a broad section called "Life in DoD." Within this section, one can find out what DoD is doing to make sure that Y2K does not disrupt computer systems that make it possible for service members to shop in exchanges and commissaries, move household goods, and educate their children. Kehoe emphasized that the section also includes information on what service members should do to help protect themselves from potential Y2K glitches.

"Your Mission" provides information on what DoD is doing to ensure Y2K does not disrupt critical installation services such as water and power. It also provides the status of mission systems and provides an overview of the possible role the military will have in supporting civilian communities if major Y2K problems occur.

"The Homefront" contains an interactive graphic that takes the viewer to information about how Y2K could affect families across the United States. Major areas covered include transportation, power supplies, telecommunications, banking and finance, and home electronics.

"I think everyone, children included, will like this section," Kehoe said. "Not only is it filled with practical tips on what to do, the

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Chapel Hours

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11 - 11:30 a.m.
At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call Don Brooks at 577-7165.

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News Briefs

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact, a phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via LAN to PAO@PSD.

Savings Bond Campaign

The Marine Corps' 1999 U.S. Bond Campaign is underway. Servicemembers who want to begin or increase a bond allotment should contact their section representative:

The bond campaign ends June 30.

Save today – enjoy tomorrow, buy U.S. Savings Bonds.



Contact one of the following representatives today:

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Brenda German | Maintenance | 577-7139 |
| Meredith Taylor | HRO | 577-6478 |
| MSgt. Joseph Hood | I&L Dept | 577-6849 |
| HM2 Olaes | Medical | 577-6580 |
| SSgt. Jim Bell | MCCS | 577-6899 |
| SSgt. Robert Munroe | HqBn | 577-6684 |
| SSgt. Rolando Sotolongo | FSC | 577-7960 |

Semper Fit SNCOIC

Semper Fit needs a new recreation staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge. The current SNCOIC retires July 15. The position is voluntary and requires a one year commitment. Applicants must be a Marine staff NCO or above.

If interested, call CWO Bill Bradshaw at 577-6543.

Hospital Corps' 101st Birthday

The Branch Medical Clinic will close at 8:15 tomorrow morning in observance of the Hospital Corps' 101st celebration.

There will be a formation at the Oasis Club at 10 a.m.

The formation will include comments from the senior medical officer and the reading of the birthday messages from the secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The formation concludes with a cake cutting and the swearing of the Corpsmen's Pledge.

All are invited to attend.

For more info, call Chief Petty Officer S. L. Ericksen at 577-6052.

ASMC Luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is hosting an 11 a.m. luncheon June 30 in the Oasis Club.

Michelle Woodrow, a dietician at Barstow Community College, will speak on healthy diet issues, and Lars

Johnson will speak and give a demonstration on "Tia Chi Chiu."

The lunch menu will be fried chicken, french fries, and a choice of vegetables or chef salad, and tea or coffee. Meal cost is \$5 and is due by the close of business June 25.

The ASMC is always looking for additional members. Come and grow with us. For more info, call Lou Ann Presley at 577-6636.

Red Cross Babysitter's Certification

The American Red Cross Babysitter's course is being offered Tuesday and Wednesday, June 29 and 30, to all military and MCLB Barstow civilian family members between the ages of 12-18 who are interested in babysitting aboard the base.

The class will be held at the Child Development Center, Bldg. 372 from 8 a.m. to noon each day. The \$16 registration fee covers the American Red Cross Babysitter's Guide and Babysitter's certification card. This must be paid at the time of registration.

Register at the Child Development Center no later than June 25.

For more info, call Grace Walls at 577-6049.

Border Patrol seeking qualified applicants

The U.S. Border Patrol is hiring 2,300 people.

The annual starting salary is mid

\$20,000 to \$30,000 with an excellent federal government benefits package.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Pass a background investigation.
- Pass a drug and medical exam.
- Hold a valid drivers license.
- Not have reached their 37" birthday at the time of appointment.
- Have one year qualified experience OR possess a Bachelor's degree.

For more info, call Leo Dumo, Transition Counselor, at 577-6265, or visit the Community Services Center, Bldg. 129.

Summer vacations

Summer is rapidly approaching, and many families will be taking leave. Don't forget to complete an "Absence from Quarters" form at the Family Housing office if you will be away for more than 96 hours.

This form provides Housing with an address and telephone number where you may be reached in case of an emergency, the name and phone number of the military member who will be responsible for your quarters and grounds during your absence, and how to properly secure your unit.

For more info, call the Family Housing Office personnel at 577-6871.

Office moves

The Office of the General Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate have relocated to Bldg. 236.

Also, the Public Affairs Office has moved to the Red Wing of Bldg. 15.

Feel free to drop off news briefs and traders ads at the new location.

Navy Relief Society hours change

The new Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. The office will be closed Wednesdays.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in your time of need.

We are here for you.

Call us at 577-6627 or 256-1378.

Commissary Closure

The commissary will be closed Tuesday, July 6, in observance of Independence Day.

It will reopen during regular business hours on July 7.

"Desert Strike" Golf Tournament

The 2nd Annual "Desert Strike" International Golf Tournament is getting underway with an expanded \$49 Best-Ball Scramble format.

The \$49 per player fee includes golf, cart and one-night stay at the Indian Wells Resort Hotel. Proceeds benefit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

All Marine Corps, Navy, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard active duty, reserve duty and veterans are welcome.

Championship "T-Day" will be Aug. 28.

Player packets are available at (800) 419-1533 Code 01 or via e-mail at pdisports@hotmail.com.

Mojave Valley golf tourney

Tees and Trees Golf Course hosts the Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice 7th Annual Golf Scramble June 26th.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m., tee-off is at 8 a.m.

The entry fee is \$35 dollars for a

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Jobs

| Ann# | Title/Series/Grade | Open | Close | 1st Cutoff | Location |
|------------|---|----------|----------|------------|--|
| DEA-95-99 | Crane Operator WG-5725-11 | 03-08-99 | 09-30-99 | 03-22-99 | Calif., Ariz. |
| DEA-118-99 | Library Technician GS-1411-06/07 | 03-22-99 | 06-19-99 | 04-02-99 | Calif., Ariz. |
| DEA-140-99 | Firefighter GS-081-03/04/05/06 | 04-05-99 | 09-30-99 | 04-19-99 | Port Hueneme |
| DEA-164-99 | Firefighter GS-081-04/05/06 | 04-29-99 | 09-30-99 | 05-13-99 | Camp Pendleton |
| DEA-204-99 | Clinical Nurse GS-610-05/07/09 | 05-21-99 | 06-25-99 | 06-11-99 | NAS Lemoore, CA |
| DEA-227-99 | Civil Engineer GS-810-07/09/11 | 06-01-99 | 07-30-99 | 06-15-99 | NAF El Centro, CA |
| OTR-27-99 | Motor Vehicle Operator WG-5703 | 03-24-99 | 09-30-99 | 04-07-99 | Calif., Ariz. |
| OTR-35-99 | Computer Specialist GS-334-11 (Temp NTE one year) | 04-06-99 | 09-30-99 | 04-20-99 | Calif., Ariz. |
| OTR-36-99 | Material Handler WG-6907-07 (Temp NTE one year) | 04-07-99 | 09-30-99 | N/A | Nav Wpns Sta Seal Beach/Fallbrook |
| OTR-38-99 | Material Handler WG-6907-05 (Temp NTE one year) | 04-07-99 | 09-30-99 | N/A | Naval Wpns Sta Seal Beach/Fallbrook |
| OTR-39-99 | Ordnance Equipment Repairer WG-6641-08 (Temp NTE one year) | 04-09-99 | 09-30-99 | 04-19-99 | Naval Wpns Sta Seal Beach |
| OTR-44-99 | Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer WG-5803-08 (Temp NTE one year) | 05-04-99 | 07-09-99 | 05-18-99 | Barstow |
| Amendment | Electrical Worker WG-2805-08 (Temp NTE one year) | 05-03-99 | 07-06-99 | 06-17-99 | MCAGCC 29 Palms |
| Amendment | Electrician WG-2805-10 (Temp NTE one year) | 05-05-99 | 07-02-99 | 06-16-99 | MCAGCC 29 Palms |
| OTR-50-99 | Computer Operator GS-332-05 (Temp NTE one year) | 05-11-99 | 06-25-99 | 06-11-99 | Naval Post Grad School, Monterey |
| Amendment | Hazardous Material Handler WG-6901-05 (Temp NTE one year) | 05-24-99 | 06-21-99 | 06-07-99 | Barstow |
| OTR-57-99 | Office Automation Clerk GS-326-04 (Temp NTE one year) | 05-28-99 | 06-25-99 | 06-11-99 | NAS North Island |

For more information contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6484.

Naval Institute announces enlisted essay contest

Submitted by
U.S. Naval Institute

The U.S. Naval Institute announces the start of the fourth annual Enlisted Essay Contest.

The competition is open to active duty, reserve, and retired enlisted personnel of any service branch or country.

The top three entries will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500. Essays may address any subject related to military service. Authors are encouraged to refer to the February issue of Proceedings magazine, which contains the winning essays from 1998. All entries must be postmarked on or before Sept. 1, 1999.

Essays must be original works and not previously submitted or published elsewhere.

The use of photographs and other supporting graphic elements is encouraged.

Maximum length must not exceed 2,500 words, and an exact word count must appear on the title page.

Footnotes and text within graphic elements are considered supporting material and should not be reflected in the overall word count.

The Editorial Board of the U.S.

Naval Institute will judge all entries anonymously, therefore the name of the author shall not appear on the essay.

Each author shall assign a motto and title to their essay. The motto and title must appear on the title page of the essay in lieu of the author's name.

Additionally, the motto and title should appear on the outside of an accompanying sealed envelope containing the name, address, telephone number, social security number, short biography of the essayist, and the title and motto of the essay.

The envelope will remain sealed until after the Editorial Board has made its selections.

Winning entries will be published in the February 2000 Proceedings.

Some entries not awarded prizes may be selected for publication and their authors compensated at regular rates.

Direct entries to U.S. Naval Institute Enlisted Essay Contest, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, MD 21402-5034.

A list of all Naval Institute-sponsored essay and photo contests, complete with rules and guidelines, is available from the Naval Institute's web site <http://www.usni.org>, or by calling Kevin Clarke at (410) 295-1058.

Spotlight on volunteerism



Photo by GySgt. Frank Patterson

Not bad. Take another lap! – GySgt. Paul Leigh, training chief, Provost Marshal's Office, volunteers as an assistant coach for the MCLB Barstow Sea Serpents swim team. The Sea Serpents is a youth competitive swim team. Military and retiree family members ages 6-17 compete in California-sponsored swim meets throughout the summer. Competitors are also eligible for swimming scholarships. Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms and National Training Center Fort Irwin also field teams. The first swim meet is planned for mid-July.



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roll office know the entire amount of money you want deducted from your pay and contributed to your TSP account each pay period. Contributions may be expressed in whole dollar amounts or by percent. If contributions are expressed in terms of percent, your TSP contributions automatically keep up with any pay adjustments received during the open season.

How do I change the allocation of my future contributions?

If you wish to change your future contributions, you must complete a new TSP-1. Indicate the amount of money you want deducted from your pay and show how you want those future contributions divided among the G, F and C Funds. Ensure the total of the three funds adds up to 100 percent, and the allocation among the funds is in multiples of 5 percent. For example, the following is in multiples of 5 percent and adds up to 100 percent: 25 percent G Fund, 5 percent F Fund, and 70 percent C Fund. Remember to sign the Acknowledgement of Risk section when investing in the F and/or C Funds.

Will changing my allocation on the TSP-1 form change the allocation of my entire TSP account?

No, it will not. The TSP-1 form documents the deduction from your pay and investment of future contributions to your TSP account. Any-

thing in your TSP account, as reflected on your TSP Participant Statement, can be reallocated by calling the TSP Service Office at (504) 255-6000 and using your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and your Social Security Number. You can also complete an Interfund Transfer, TSP-30 and forward it to the TSP Service Office. If you need a TSP-30, please contact the

HRSC SW, Benefits and Performance Branch at (619) 615-5554 or 1-800-831-0622, ext. 5554.

Where can I get the TSP-1?

The TSP-1 is available through your servicing Human Resources Site Office. You may also obtain the TSP-1 from the TSP website at <http://www.tsp.gov>.

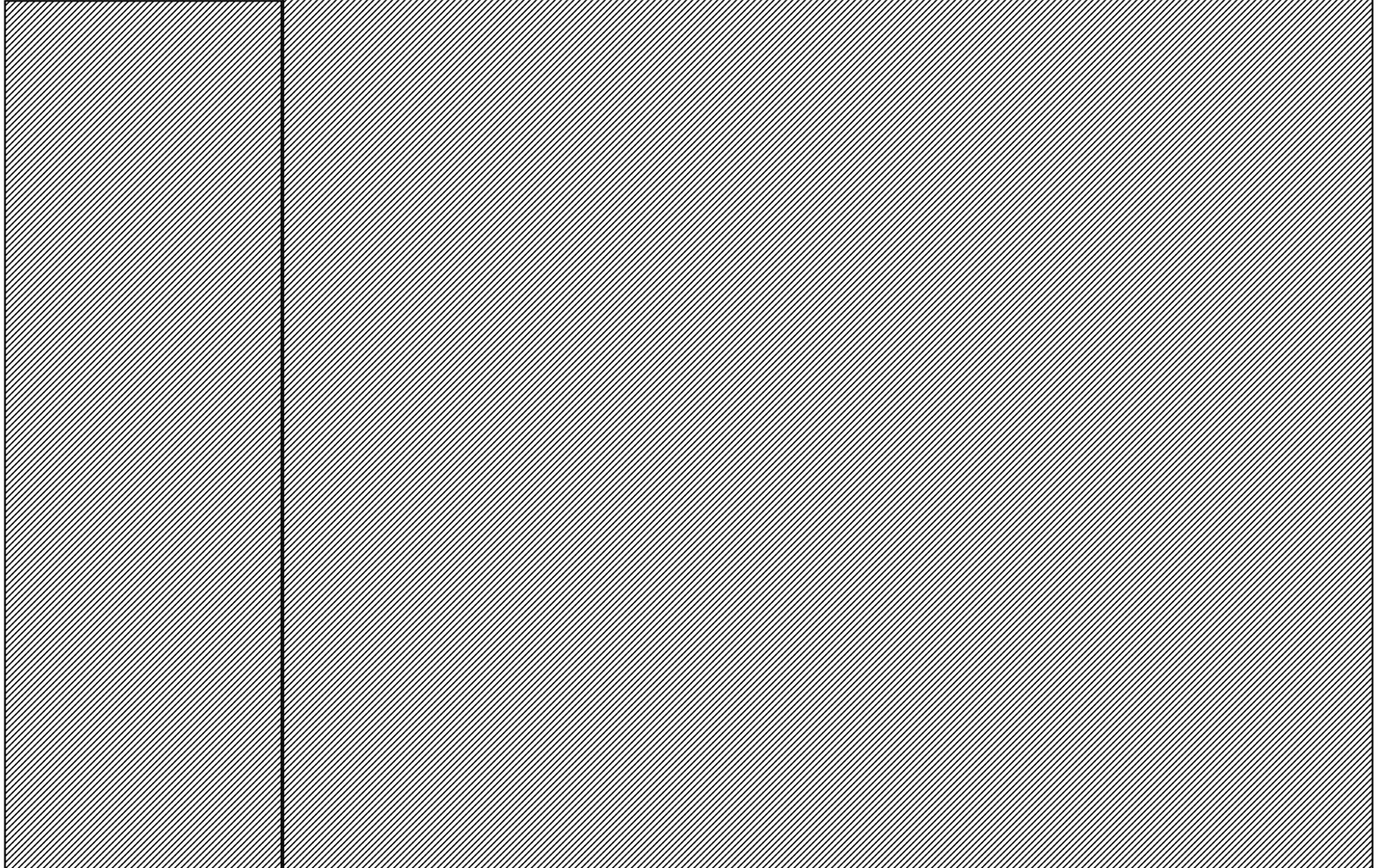
How many TSP-1s can I submit dur-

ing an open season?

You may make only one election during an open season. Regulations require HRSC SW to process the first TSP-1 form received from an employee during an open season. Therefore, before you submit the TSP-1 you need ensure it accurately reflects the deductions and allocations you wish to be made.

Who do I call if I have questions about TSP?

If you need further information or assistance, contact the Benefits and Performance Branch, Human Resources Service Center, Southwest, phone (619) 615-5554 or 1-800-831-0622, ext. 5554. You can also obtain information from the Thrift Savings Plan website at <http://www.tsp.gov>.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Marine Corps Multi-Commodity Maintenance Center Barstow, California

From the Director ...

Compliments from field on M88 conversion

By Col. Joseph Martin Jr.
Maintenance Center Director

Congratulations to Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center, Cost Work Center (CWC) 711 for your work on the M88 (1790 Engine) conversion for FORSCOM.

"Please pass kudos to your employees for their great work on the FORSCOM conversion engines. The customer is very pleased. Thank you for your continued support." wrote Marty Huisman, Albany, Ga.

"Here is a compliment from the field on the work performed at Barstow," said Martin Kloss, Contractor, ICI, FORSCOM, FMMC.

Martin added, "When this engine comes out of the Maintenance Center Barstow on Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, it will be the last one owed to us by the Maintenance Center Barstow. I need to get some more here as soon

as possible. Can you provide a date when I can expect more M60 Engines?"

"Also, we may want to look at collecting M88 Engines from other units and DRMO to be repaired/rebuilt by the Maintenance Center Barstow. They have an excellent shop and do excellent work. We have never received a complaint on the Maintenance Center Barstow work," said Fred Blevins, FMMC Project Officer, Ft. Irwin, Calif.

This is an example of a team at Maintenance Center Barstow producing quality work.

Again, congratulations on your accomplishments.

CWC 711 includes (left to right) Donald Jones, Ron Creamer, Pat Hazard, Hugh Brown, Robert Valdez, Pat Knox, Robert Mendez and Curtis Eisner. Not pictured are Ted Mosier, Robert Haddock and Al Sauers, Jr.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Maintenance Center saves money with excess stock dynamometers

By R. E. Milender
Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center

Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center, Cost Work Center (CWC) 711 recently received two new engine dynamometers saving the Maintenance Center close to a half million dollars.

The two Power Test Model 25x18, 1,800 horsepower, 4,000 rpm dynamometers did not cost anything other than freight

costs from Albany, Ga.

Robert E. Snyder, Marine Corps System Command, gave the dynamometers to the Maintenance Center because they were excess Marine Corps stock. If the Maintenance Center had purchased these dynamometers, each one would cost about \$246,000.

Altogether Maintenance Center Barstow has saved about \$789,000 this year for engine dynamometers.

It would have cost about \$297,000 to upgrade five old obsolete engine dynamometers in stock this year.

The new dynamometers will be good for about ten years.

They can be connected together and provide 3,600 horsepower dynamometer if needed.

Both dynamometers have already been installed and are in use.

CWC 711 is using the two old dynamometers as parts for the remaining three obsolete dynamometers.

Also, CWC 711 is looking at two (HA2500) Hartridge Fuel Injector Test Stands located at Rock Island, Ill. They will replace two test stands that are sixteen and nineteen years old.

This saves the Maintenance Center about \$130,000 this year.



Photo by Curt Lambert

One of two new dynamometers recently received from excess stock at Marine Corps Systems Command and installed at Maintenance Center Barstow.

DCMC: Another aspect of teamwork

A new chapter in the Marine Corps' Amphibious Warfare Program opened May 6 with the introduction of the first Amphibious Armored Vehicle refurbished under the Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, Rebuild to Standard (RAM/RS) Program at Maintenance Center Barstow.

But the whole story concerning the RAM/RS Program is long from being told. Every week, new stories of cooperation and teamwork unfold.

This week, a tale of teamwork within the Department of Defense (DoD) reveals the teamwork between defense and military industry.

As part of the DoD, Defense Contracts Management Command (DCMC) is assisting with some of the contract administration services for Maintenance Center Barstow's RAM/RS Program. Two DCMC employees, Joseph Rodriguez and Tim Griffin, are assigned to the RAM/RS Program as quality assurance personnel and are providing technical assistance and administrative support.

"We are here to assist the Maintenance Center in its endeavor to become a world class organization," said Joe Rodriguez, DCMC Representative. "The Maintenance Center is well on its way."

DCMC receives government-furnished material and AAV hulls from the contractor, then releases the product to the work force. DCMC acts as a buffer between Maintenance Center Barstow and the contractor and helps expedite various types of parts and answers questions pertaining to the program; i.e. status of parts, shipments, return of parts, nonconforming parts, etc.

Additionally DCMC provides resources to assist Maintenance Center Barstow with their implementation and certification of ISO 9000.

ISO 9000 is a family of standards from the Interna-

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Barstow Marines ... Work hard, play hard

By Cpl. Matt Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

Marines escaped the fluorescent light shackles of their offices when Headquarters Bn. took over Sorensen Field for a family field meet here Friday.

The Provost Marshal's Office team came in first overall, with the Personnel Support Division and Special Staff team falling into second, and the Headquarters Bn. Team going home with the coveted goose's egg third place trophy.

Judges kept things legal on the playing field while grading teams on their style, performance and creativ-

ity. The more motivation and creativity teams displayed the higher they scored.

Awards were not the only thing Marines walked away with from the field meet. Working and having fun with one another in an out-of-the-office environment increases respect between ranks, according to Col. Mark A. Costa, commanding officer, MCLB Barstow.

"Having fun like this shows [young Marines] that [high ranking Marines] are real people, and that we can have fun and enjoy ourselves," he said. "[The Marines] worked hard, and now it is time for them to play hard."



Photo by Cpl. Matt Weir

Getting their families into the game, Sgt. John Kenney and Cpl. Karl Garrison takes their sons on a wild ride in the wheelbarrow race.



Photo by Cpl. Matt Weir

Sgt. James Nettleton, PMO team, and his son Joseph, keep their balloon alive for another throw in the balloon toss event. The father-son team eventually yielded to LCpl. Edward Vaughan and Cpl. Mike Hall of the PMO team whom took first in the event.



Photo by Cpl. Matt Weir

The headquarters team springs to their feet for the tug-of-war. Working together, the team pulled through for 3rd place.

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blood of the Corps, so we have held the line! In this regard, what individual Marines are doing everyday counts far more than anything that is done in Washington. The standards of our Corps are not simply maintained by generals, colonels and sergeants major, but, far more importantly, by leaders throughout the Corps, at every level.

The Marine conviction that Semper Fidelis is a way of life, not just a motto, speaks powerfully to the citizens that we serve. It also unites us with our fellow Marines, past and present – inspiring us to push harder, to reach further, and to reject the very notion of failure or compromise.

Sustained and strengthened by the ethos of our Corps, you have accomplished a great deal during the past four years. I have been humbled to be part of your achievements and witness to your selfless devotion. Time and again, Marines distinguished themselves in contingencies around the world, across the spectrum of conflict. Marines from across the Total Force were the first to fight, the first to help, and the first to show America's flag – consistently demonstrating our resolve and readiness to win when called to action.

With the involvement of the Fleet Marine Force and input from the entire Corps, the Warfighting Laboratory has looked hard at the 21st Century strategic environment. Marines "stole a march" on change by testing new concepts and emerging technologies, exploring new tools for developing leaders and decision makers, and experimenting in the "Three Block War."

Our recruiters, drill instructors and small-unit leaders have implemented the Transformation Process and are recruiting, training and developing the "Strategic Corporals" for tomorrow's con-

flicts.

Led by Marines at the Combat Development Command, we have deepened our understanding of Operational Maneuver From The Sea (OMFTS), its enabling concepts and technologies, as well as its many challenges.

The men and women serving in the many thankless billets at Headquarters Marine Corps and in the joint arena have developed and articulated our requirements for the future and have secured the resources to translate OMFTS into a reality.

Our supporting establishment, at every post and station, has epitomized selflessness and dedication while providing for our readiness requirements.

All these things are important – and they are the accomplishments of every Marine. None of them, however, are as significant as maintaining our hands on the twin Touchstones of our Corps.

The words of my father ring as true today as when he first wrote them over fifty years ago:

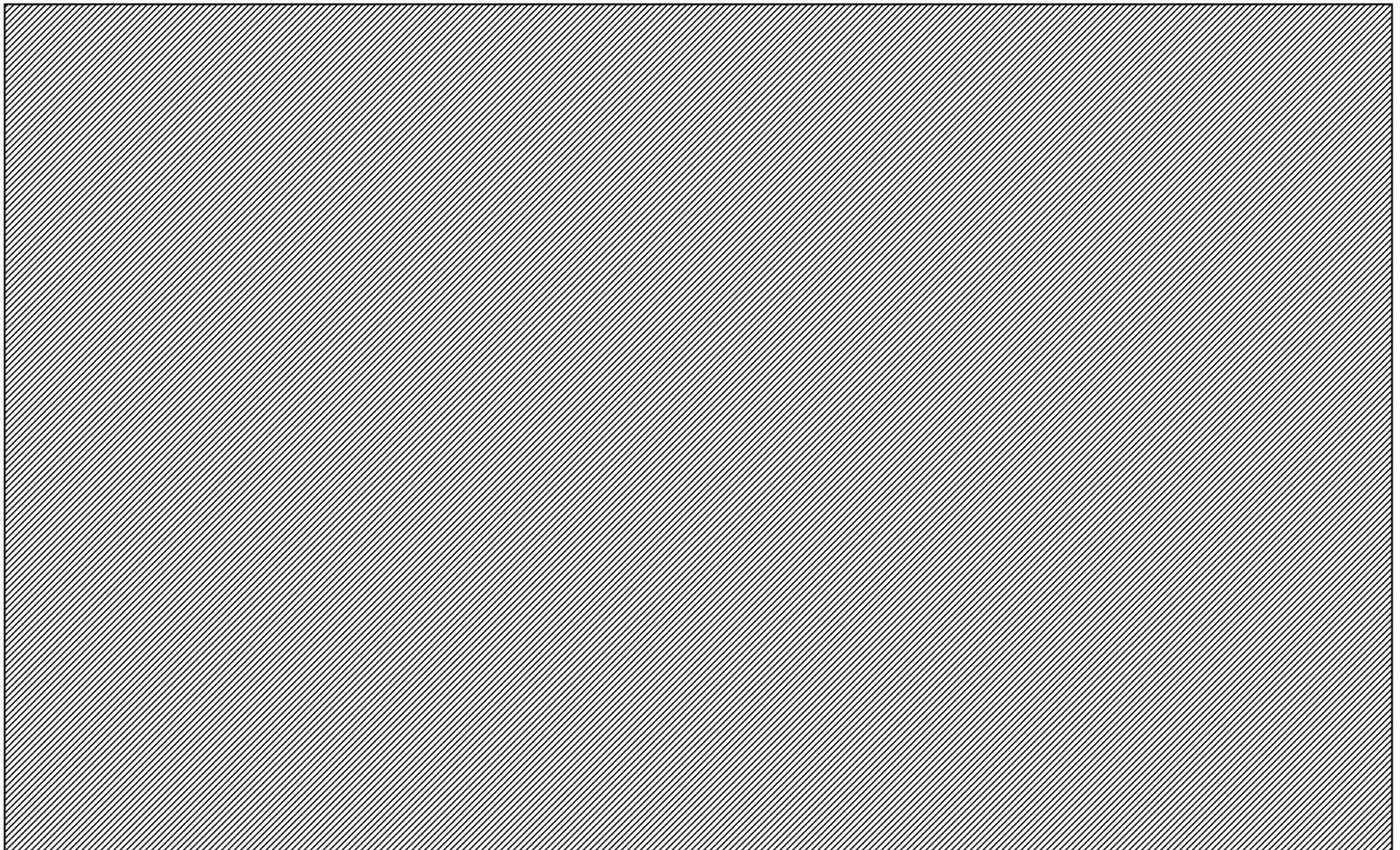
"We exist today – we flourish today – not because of what we know we are, or what we know we can do, but because of what the grassroots of our country believes we are and believes we can do ... The American people believe that Marines are downright good for the country; that the Marines are masters of a form of unfailing alchemy which converts unoriented youths into proud, self-reliant stable citizens - citizens into whose hands the nation's affairs may safely be entrusted ... And, likewise, should the people ever lose that conviction - as a result of our failure to meet their high - almost spiritual - standards, the Marine Corps will quickly disappear."

May God bless each and every one of you and may God bless our Corps!



Photo by Cpl. Mike McQuillan

Leroy Trujillo, heavy mobile equipment repairer, removes a waterproof seal from the top of an Amphibious Assault Vehicle in order for it to be replaced. This step is part of a complete rebuild of the AAV, a common practice at the Maintenance Center.



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calling long distance and are being charged as you listen to all your options.

In an age of technology that can program machines to anticipate most of the standard questions, many business believe it is more efficient to cycle customers through the grocery list of automated responses. It becomes difficult to express your unique concerns and have your questions heard.

It is possible that your concerns were no different than a hundred other customers, but you needed to hear a person listen to your requests and explain in an unautomated voice that your needs were being met.

Yet, when you place that call, you cannot assume that you call with your identity in tact. The company you call knows you not as Mike Michener, but as customer number 14,678. You are not important to the company as a person. You are only a business transaction.

Fortunately, calls placed to God are received with a much different response. When we pray to God, we know that we are going to get a person and not an answering machine.

We also know that our prayers are understood with our unique needs.

The Psalmist reminds us, "*O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O Lord.*" (Psalm 139:1-4).

I find it comforting to know that we can go to God and express our concerns and have an attentive ear to hear and understand our needs.

The prophet Jeremiah knew that God listens when we call.

He recorded for us, "*Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I WILL LISTEN to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*" (Jer. 29:12-13).

I know that I can go to God in prayer, and He will give me an answer for my concerns that will be most beneficial to me.

If you want genuine customer service, talk to God. He is listening.

Blessings, Chaplain Michener.

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tional Organization for Standardization. They are "world-recognized" standards for quality systems and are currently used by more than 90 countries.

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five-person team.

Mulligans will be sold for a dollar each, maximum five.

Greens fees and cart rental are not included.

Awards will be presented to the top

three teams and the teams with the three highest scores.

The awards ceremony and drawing will begin at approximately 2 p.m.

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of these Marines into a well-lit church.

As much as I would like to be optimistic, there will always be the few we have to carry the pack for.

However, I think we all need to be stronger, are Marines, and tell these people that they need to step up to the plate and take some responsibility.

We all went through boot camp.

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interactive graphic depicting a community makes it fun to use. It answers such questions as, 'Will I be able to travel?' 'Will my computer and home entertainment systems be affected?' and 'Should I stock up on specific items?'

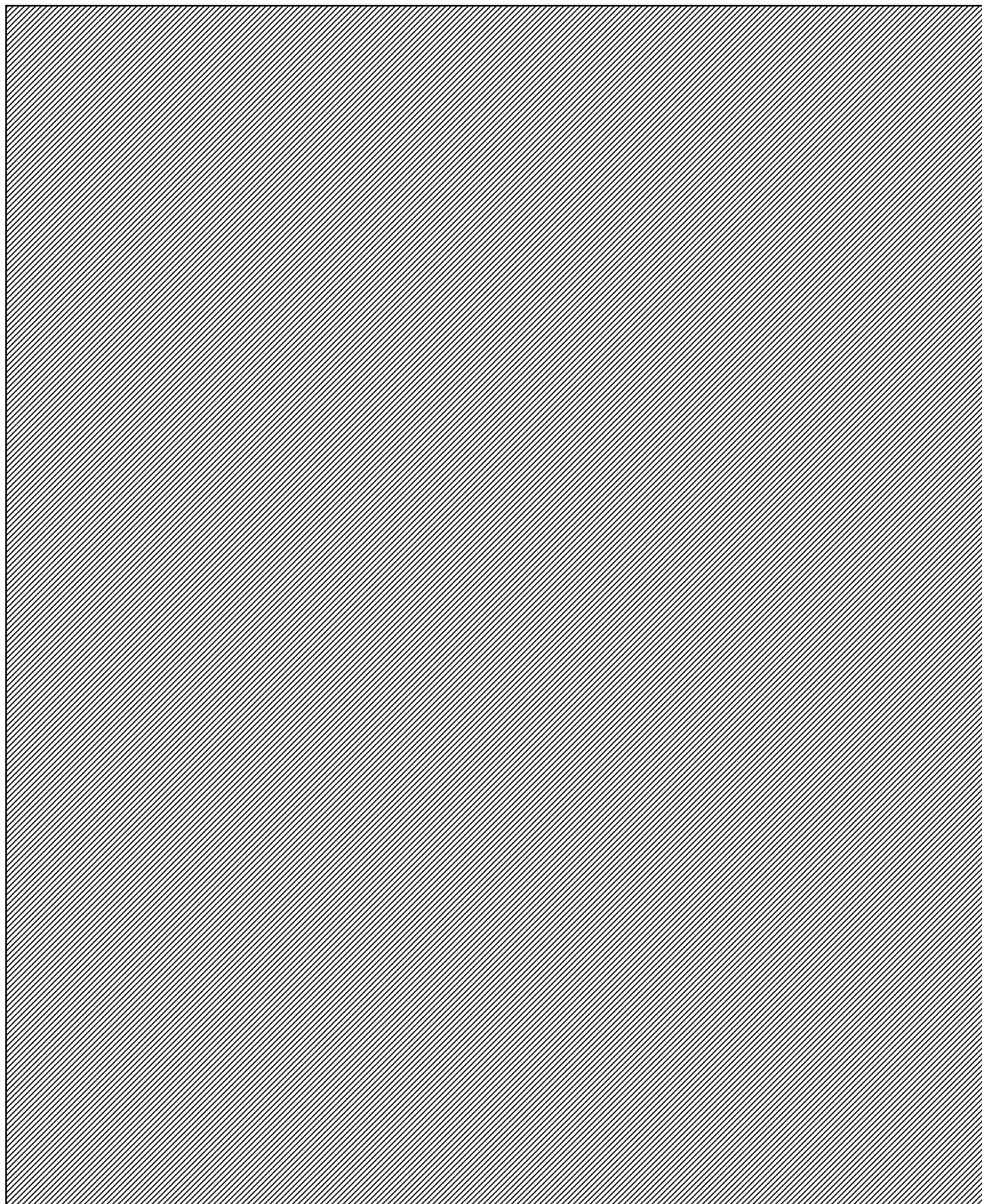
Other sections of "Confronting Y2K" explain how Y2K came to be such a problem and what is being done internationally.

For those who want to explore specific topics in depth, the site contains links to more than 70 other Y2K-related websites.

The site requires a common software program called a plug-in that can be downloaded free from the vendor. Kehoe explained that the plug-in technology provides the developers with a multimedia capability that is used to make the site even more effective. For users who do not already have the plug-in, download instructions are provided when the site is first visited.

"There's a wealth of information for the entire DoD community on this site, as well as for the general population," Kehoe said. "We will regularly update the site, and we plan to expand some sections where information is still limited; such as the one dealing with Y2K challenges faced by service members assigned overseas. Our goal is to make sure everybody in DoD has the information they need to prepare for Y2K."

The DefenseLink web site is <http://www.defenselink.mil>. "Confronting Y2K" is directly accessible at <http://www.defenselink.mil/specialsy2k>.



SPORTS

Aerobics: Not for the weak at heart

By Cpl. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

When the desert sun makes lunchtime running too much to handle, Marines can turn to the free aerobics classes offered at the base gym.

Gina Galbraith leads Marines through a high-energy aerobics workout during the lunchtime exercise program at the Base Fitness Center, Bldg. 44.

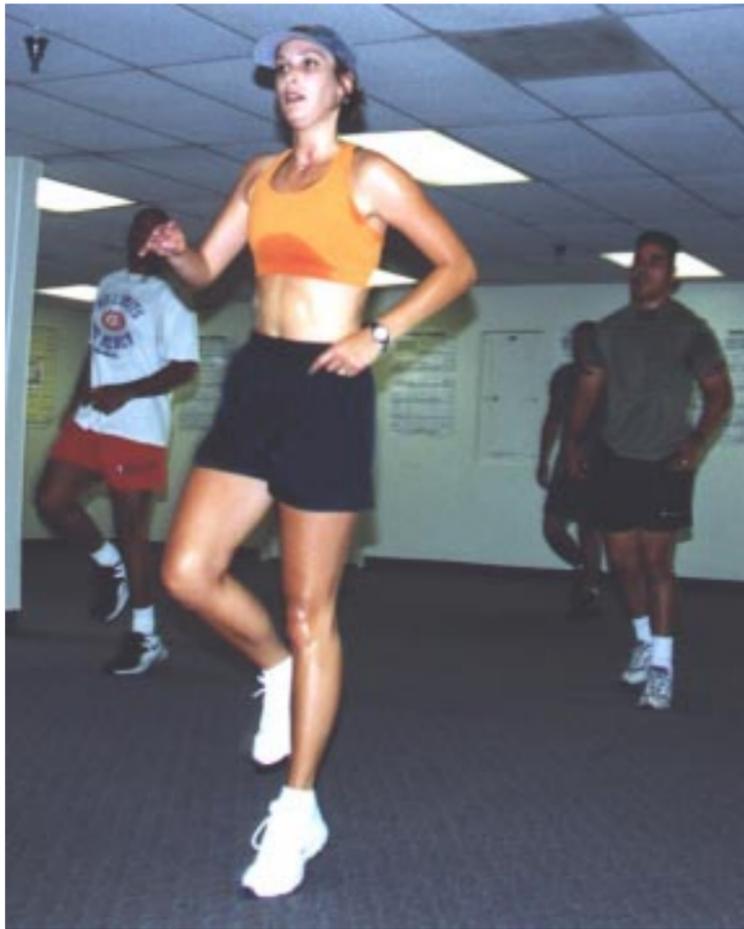
The program is a soothing alternative to the traditional "Daily 7" and is safer than running in the Mojave Desert heat.

The lunchtime program is for active duty military only; civilians are welcome at any of the other classes.

Gina, one of the aerobics instructors at the gym, also teaches aerobics classes Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Gina charges \$25 per month for military and \$30 per month for civilians. A one-time, walk-in fee is \$2.

Stephanie Jefferies teaches kick-boxing Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Stephanie's classes cost \$15 per month.

For more info call CWO Bill Bradshaw at 577-6543.



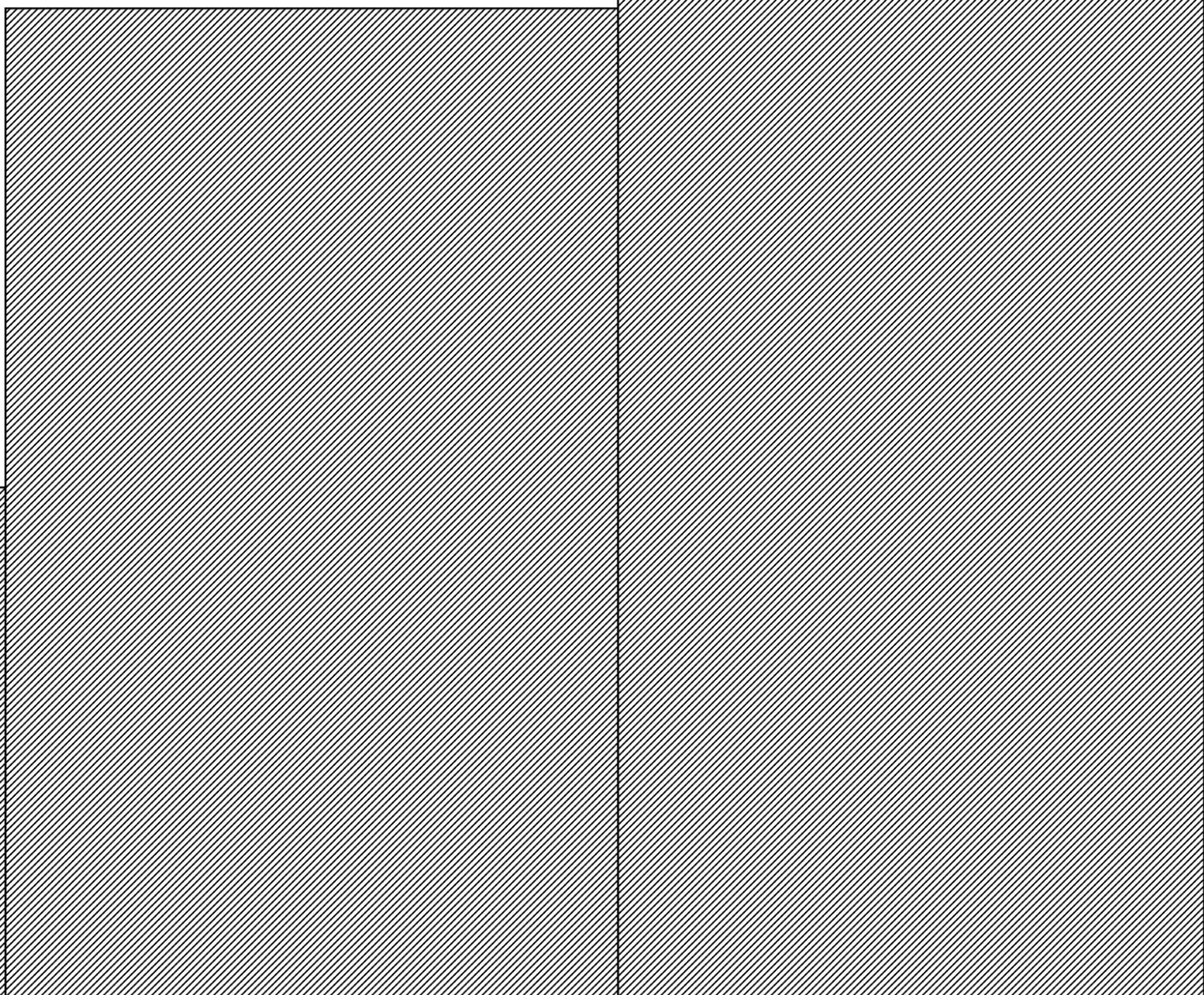
Soccer season approaches

The MCLB Bulldogs soccer team will begin practice within the next few weeks to train for the Western Regional Championship Tournament in October. This is a rebuilding year for the Bulldogs, who were defeated in the first round last year. New players are strongly encouraged to build a strong foundation for Bulldog teams of the next millennium. The team is lead by

head coach SSgt. Neville Golding, who anticipates a promising season.

"We're a small installation competing with major bases and commands," said Golding. "I think we can still surprise a lot of people and pull off a few upsets as well."

Practice times will be posted when they are determined. For more info, call SSgt. Golding at 577-6259.



1990 FORD TEMPO: Good condition, good gas milage, A/C, AM/FM cassette radio, well taken car of. \$1,700 OBO. Call 252-7165.

1986 CORVETTE: Xlt cond, must see, price reduced \$9,495. Call 256-6912.

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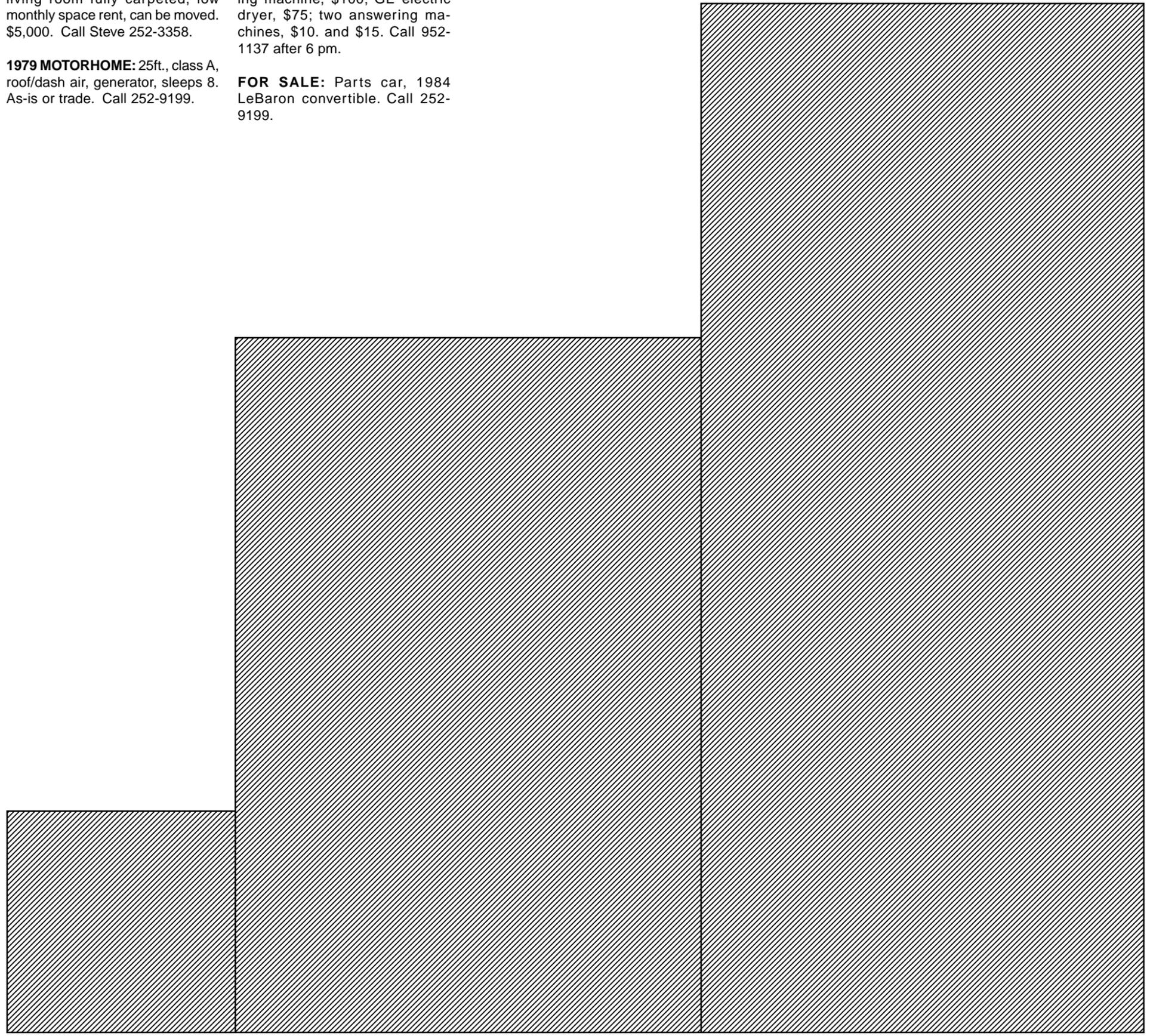
1970 OLDS CUTLASS: 2 door, 350 engine, auto, A/C, mags, runs good; also 455 engine and 400 auto trans. Trade or OBO. Call 252-9199.

MOTORCYCLE: 1996 Honda CBR 900 RR, red, 18k mi., Erion Racing Cams, pipe and jet kit, smoke windscreen, hidden turn signals, Kavlar brake lines, work prof. done, xlt cond. Sacrifice for \$6,200. Call 252-2510.

MISC. FOR SALE: Black dining table with folding end leaves, wood. \$75; antique wood frame couch, recovered cushions. \$75; oak veneer coffee table set with two end tables. \$50. Call 252-4072.

MISC FOR SALE: Kenmore washing machine, \$100; GE electric dryer, \$75; two answering machines, \$10. and \$15. Call 952-1137 after 6 pm.

FOR SALE: Parts car, 1984 LeBaron convertible. Call 252-9199.



MCCS Update ...

By James H. Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Father's Day is Sunday. Still no gift?

Here's some help with that Father's Day gift. The Base Exchange has many great gift selections to choose from at good prices.

Shopping is quick and easy with these gift ideas: Cologne sets; Drakkar and Polo. Electric razors, Marine Corps memorabilia, Antigua men's golf shirts, mechanic's tool sets, assorted Katz knives, assorted Fubu collection, JVC VCRs and TVs at special prices, and much more. Drop by, browse and find just the right gift.

The Base Exchange accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, and Deferred Payment Plan.

The exchange is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info please call 256-8974.

Father's Day Brunch

After you've gotten dad that special gift at the exchange, don't forget to take him out to brunch; a special Father's Day Brunch at the Family Restaurant this Sunday. The menu includes french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, roast chicken, oven brown potatoes, vegetable, fresh fruit, dessert and choice of coffee, tea, milk or juice - for only \$5.95 adults, \$2.95 children.

Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 20th. For more details please call 577-6428.

This week's lunch menu

Today - Scalloped potatoes, ham and vegetable.

Friday, June 18 - Hoki fish, potato wedges and vegetable.

Monday, June 21 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and vegetable.

Tuesday, June 22 - Beef tips, buttered noodles and vegetable.

Wednesday, June 23 - Lasagna, vegetable and garlic bread

All above meals served with roll and butter, coffee, tea or soft drink. Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon. Monday through Friday. Price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian. For more info call 577-6428.

Family Night dinner menu

Tonight - Beef tips, buttered noodles,

vegetable, roll and butter, dessert and beverage.

Thursday, June 24 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll and butter, dessert and beverage.

Family Night dinners are served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Family Restaurant. All you can eat \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children 5 to 11 years, children 4 years and under are free. Call 577-6428.

ITT tickets at Yermo

No need for Yermo personnel to drive all the way over to the Nebo side to get ITT tickets. You may now pickup your ITT tickets at the Cactus Cafe between the hours of 11 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. To insure that the tickets you want are available, please call ITT in advance Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket orders will be taken until 10 a.m. on Thursday and delivered at the Cactus Cafe that same day. ITT has a large variety of tickets to just about everywhere in the Southern California area.

A great way to cool off and have fun is to visit one of Southern California's fabulous water parks. Here are the ticket prices: **Raging Waters** in San Dimas \$16 adults, \$14 children (3-9 yrs.). **Hurricane Harbor** at Magic Mountain \$15 adults, \$12 children (under 48").

Wet n' Wild in Las Vegas \$19 adults, \$15 children (3-9 yrs.).

Lake Delores in Newberry Springs (approximately 18 miles north of Barstow), \$11.50 adults, \$8.50 children (3-9 yrs.). There is a \$3 parking fee.

Water park ticket prices at ITT are more affordable than the gate prices. Enjoy the fun and the savings.

Other popular tickets are: **Disneyland** 1-day pass \$32.50 adults, 25.50 children (3-11 yrs.) with a \$7 parking fee.

Knott's Berry Farm \$20 adults, \$13.50 children (3-11 yrs.) with a \$7 parking fee.

Magic Mountain \$23 adults, \$9.50 children (under 48") with a \$8 parking fee.

Universal Studios \$29.50 adults, \$24 children (3-11 yrs) with a \$7 parking fee, \$10 RV parking fee.

Legoland \$27.25 adults, \$21.25 children (3-16 yrs.) with a \$6 parking fee.

Wild Animal Park \$15 adults, \$10 children (3-11 yrs.) with a \$4 parking fee.

San Diego Zoo \$18 adults, \$10.25 children (3-11 yrs.) with a \$4 parking fee.

Sea World \$28 adults, \$22 children (3-11 yrs.) with a \$6 parking fee.

Long Beach Aquarium \$13 adults, \$7.50 children (3-11 yrs.) with a \$2 per hour parking fee.

These are just a few of the many tickets ITT carries. We also offer frequent trips by van to various places of interest. Call us for a complete ticket list and our schedule of upcoming trips.

ITT is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 577-

6541 for more details.

Military special, Twilight rates and golf lessons

All military personnel are invited to participate in our military special this month and next month. Play three 18 hole rounds of golf and get the fourth round free. You must present military ID for this special.

Don't forget our Twilight Rates are in effect (half price) everyday after 1:30 p.m.

Golf lessons for juniors (ages five through 18) offered by Tees & Trees Golf Course's teaching pro Oscar Valenzuela. Sign up now for classes beginning Saturday, June 26th. Classes will continue through Saturday, July 31st. There will be an end of lessons barbecue and putting contest on the last day.

Tees & Trees Golf Course is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Call 577-6431 for more details.

YAC Summer Program

The Summer Youth Program

which runs to August 27th provides a wide variety of activities at affordable prices. Classes, field trips, dances and much more.

For details please call 577-6499.

Base pools open

The pool hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The pools will be closed Monday. Lap-swimming hours at both pools are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

Civilians participating in the base civilian physical training program are allowed to use the Family Pool for lap swimming only in addition to the military and retirees.

Only authorized pool patrons are allowed to use the pools. Authorized patrons include military, retirees and their family members. Each authorized patron is permitted to have one guest. Patrons will be asked to show their identification cards and sign in prior to using the pool. Oasis Club pool access is restricted to members of the club system and their immediate family.

For more info call CWO Bill Bradshaw or Brenda at 577-6543.

